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SUMMIT

GENEVA FOR US CSCE DEL

1. NEW YORK TIMES FRONT-PAGED JANUARY 21 ARTICLE BY
DAVID BINDER HEADLINED "EUROPEAN SUMMIT LIKELY IN
SUMMER." NYT ALSO CARRIES BRIEF INSIDE-PAGE ITEM BY
REUTERS NOTING RESUMPTION OF CSCE STAGE II TALKS
THIS WEEK AND POINTING TO SEVERAL IMPORTANT ISSUES WHICH
REMAIN "DEADLOCKED."

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2. HIGHLIGHTS OF BINDER ARTICLE INCLUDE FOLLOWING:

-- "ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE EAST-WEST CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN SECURITY TO ALLOW THE UNITED STATES TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR A FINAL MEETING NEXT SUMMER OF THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE 35 PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES."

-- "UNTIL LAST MONTH...NEGOTIATIONS AT GENEVA ON A FINAL DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED FOR SIGNING BY THE 35

GOVERNMENTS HAD GONE ON AT SUCH A PLODDING PACE THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD NOT CONCEIVE A SUMMIT MEETING AS A GRAND FINALE."

-- "WHILE THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN PRESSING FOR A SUMMIT MEETING, THE WEST HAS INSISTED THAT THERE MUST FIRST BE PROGRESS ON SUCH OTHER ISSUES AS FREER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE."

-- "ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS HERE, SUFFICIENT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE LAST SESSION...TO WARRANT THE EXPECTATION THAT AN ULTIMATE FINAL MEETING COULD BE HELD SOME TIME BETWEEN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER IN THE FINNISH CAPITAL."

3. BINDER ALSO OUTLINED, WITH A NUMBER OF MINOR INACCURACIES, PROGRESS ACHIEVED TO DATE UNDER THE FOUR CSCE AGENDA ITEMS.

4. IF ASKED FOR US REACTIONS TO BINDER'S COMMENTS ON LEVEL AND/OR TIMING OF CSCE STAGE III MEETING, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING:

-- ON LEVEL OF STAGE III,THE POSITION OF THE US REGARDING A POSSIBLE CSCE SUMMIT IS STATED IN SUCCESSIVE US-SOVIET COMMUNIQES, AS WELL AS IN NATO MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQES. WE ASSUME THAT RESULTS AT GENEVA, WHERE THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS IN THE CONFERENCE

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DURING LATE 1974, WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE CSCE FINAL MEETING AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. BEFORE WE MAKE A FINAL DECISION ON THIS, HOWEVER, WE WILL NEED TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS STILL UNDERWAY AT GENEVA.

-- ON TIMING OF STAGE III,IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT THE CSCE TIMETABLE. THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN IN THE MAKING FOR MANY YEARS AND HAS GONE THROUGH INTENSIVE STAGES OF

NEGOTIATION SINCE 1972. WE CONTINUE PREPARED TO PROCEED
AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE IN THIS LARGE CONFERENCE OF
35 PARTICIPANTS.

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